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## Commission to Discuss Reports on Assessing Higher Education Performance

SACRAMENTO — March 24, 2008 — The California Postsecondary Education Commission will discuss two reports relating to its framework that assesses public higher education performance, when it meets in Sacramento tomorrow.

The first report is *Beyond the Looking Glass: A Summary of Commission Performance Measures and Accountability in California Postsecondary Education*. It synthesizes 17 reports that were adopted by the Commission over the past 18 months. These reports assessed college-going rates, student access and success, effectiveness of transfer among institutions, degree attainment, affordability, linkages between higher education and the workforce, and the public benefit ascribed to a higher education.

The second report, *Moving Forward: The Evolving Performance Framework*, proposes revisions and improvements to the Commission's performance assessment framework that it initiated in 2006.

Commission Chair Olivia Singh said, "We've learned many lessons from our first round of performance reports. We believe that our efforts in this arena will assist policymakers to develop a comprehensive higher education accountability system that will yield the best outcomes for both students and the State."

The Commission will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25 and 26, at 770 L Street, Suite 1160, Sacramento.

A meeting agenda and reports may be viewed on the Commission's website:  
<http://www.cpec.ca.gov/agendas/agnd0803.asp>.

The Commission audio streams its meeting at: <http://media.cpec.ca.gov/media>.

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